

Claims

1. A method for temporarily blocking a function in a portable device, **characterized** in that in the device there is received via a wireless connection an executable blocking key (201) for blocking a certain function of the device, and
5 that the received blocking key is activated (204) by programmable means in the device in order to prevent the certain function of the device.
2. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that in the device there is received an unblocking key (206) that cancels the blocking key, and that the
10 received unblocking key is activated (209) in the device in order to release the function of the device that was blocked.
3. A method according to any of the claims 1–2, **characterized** in that the blocking or unblocking key is received in the device through a wireless, short-range connection (104, 304), in message form (110) or via a cable (103, 303).
4. A method according to any of the claims 1–3, **characterized** in that in the
15 device, there is displayed a confirmation request (202, 207), and that the received blocking or unblocking key is activated (204, 209) in the device as a response to feeding in the confirmation.
5. A method according to any of the claims 1–4, **characterized** in that the
20 blocking key is used for temporarily blocking (205) a certain undesirable function of the device for the duration, until there is received an unblocking key (206), and by activating (209) said unblocking key (206) the blocked function is released (210) to function in the way it functioned before the activation of the blocking key.
6. A portable device containing segments for realizing the device functions, **characterized** in that the device includes means for receiving via a wireless
25 connection an executable blocking key for blocking a certain function (103, 104, 110, 303, 304), and programmable means for activating (306) the received blocking key in the device in order to prevent the function of a certain segment thereof.
7. A portable device according to claim 6, **characterized** in that it includes
30 means for receiving (103, 104, 110, 303, 304) an unblocking key for releasing the function blocked by the blocking key, and means for activating (306) the received unblocking key in the device in order to release the function that was prevented by the blocking key.

8. A portable device according to any of the claims 6–7, **characterized** in that it includes means for receiving a blocking key and/or an unblocking key transmitted along a wireless, short-range connection (104, 304).
- 5 9. A portable device according to any of the claims 6–8, **characterized** in that it includes means for receiving blocking key and/or an unblocking key of a a message-form transmitted through a message service center (110).
10. A portable device according to any of the claims 6–9, **characterized** in that it includes means for receiving a blocking key and/or an unblocking key via a stationary cable connection (103, 303).
- 10 11. A portable device according to any of the claims 6–10, **characterized** in that it includes means for displaying a confirmation request (120, 320) and for feeding in a confirmation (102, 302) before the received blocking or unblocking key is activated in the device.
- 15 12. A portable device according to any of the claims 6–11, **characterized** in that it includes program means (306) for processing the blocking and unblocking keys.